

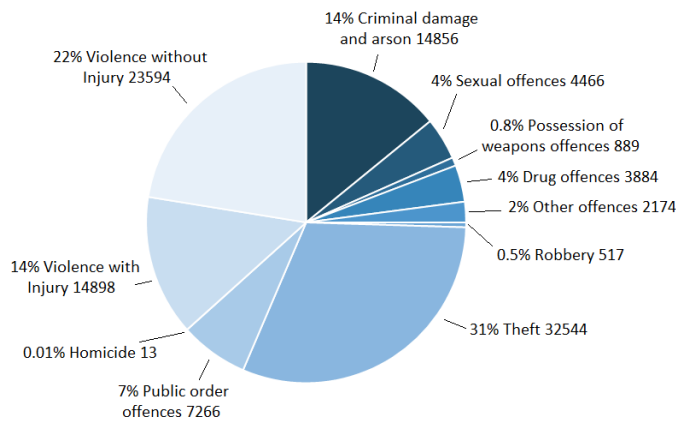
# Recorded crime in Devon and Cornwall – ONS Figures

For the 12 months to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 unless stated otherwise

## Overview

- 105,101 recorded crimes, equivalent to 60.1 per 1000 resident population, compared to 84.7 across England and Wales.
- 6<sup>th</sup> lowest rate of crime in England and Wales (out of 42 forces).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest rate of theft offences in England and Wales.
- Total crime increased by 17% compared to the most similar forces average of 7% compared to the previous year
- The increase in recorded crime is largely due to improved crime recording as well as some increase in reporting.

## Crime Types



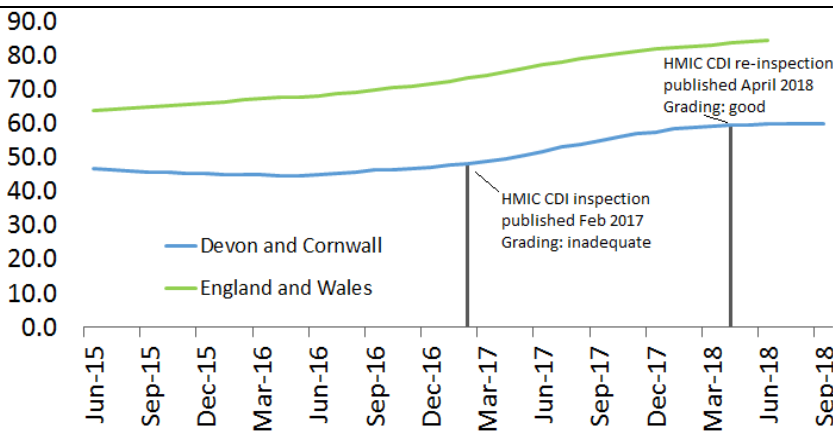
Devon and Cornwall has a higher proportion of violent crime and a lower proportion of theft offences compared with the England and Wales average.

Of the crimes:

- 17% domestic abuse
- 13% alcohol related
- 1.5% hate crime

Percentage of total crime and volume by Crime type, Office of National Statistics data.

## Trends

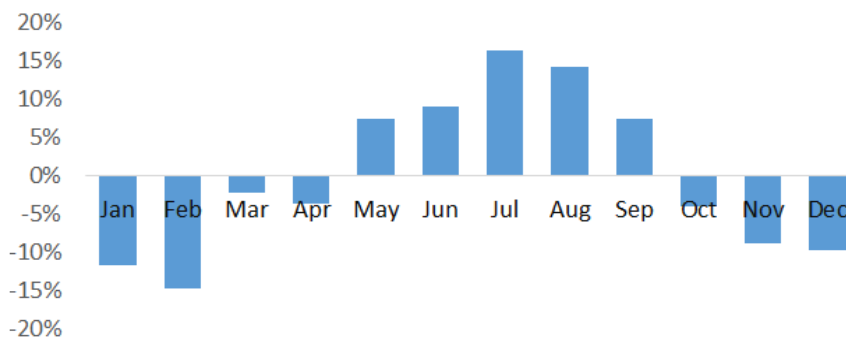


Crime rate per 1000 resident population 12 month rolling average, Devon and Cornwall: Police data, England and Wales: Office of National Statistics data

Between June 2016 and June 2018 there has been a large increase of recorded crime in Devon and Cornwall, mainly due to improvements in crime recording as a result of the Crime Data Integrity (CDI) inspections.

This has resulted in an increase of violent crime, public order offences, sexual offences, and Domestic Abuse related crime being recorded.

## Seasonality



3 Year average of seasonality: month average compared to the yearly average.

Reported crime is 30% higher in the summer months compared to the winter months.

Seasonal factors include weather, lighter nights, and the large influx of tourists that visit during the holiday periods.



## Crime trends In Devon and Cornwall

	National rate*	D&C rate*	D&C trend	Extra Information
Violence with Injury	8.9	8.5	↑ 18%	The majority of the increase is related to crime recording improvements, however there may be some genuine increases. Knife crime has increased by 13%, however this is a rare crime type and Devon and Cornwall has one of the lowest rates nationally.
Violence without Injury	16.1	13.5	↑ 40%	Stalking and harassments offences account for a large part of the increase, including previously under recorded online harassment. More Domestic Abuse incidents being recorded as crimes has led to an increase.
Sexual offences	2.6	2.6	↑ 19%	The increase is thought to be related to an improvement of recording in addition to an increase in reporting. Many of these offences relate to crimes that occurred a year before reported.
Thefts	34.1	18.6	↑ 6%	Vehicle offences have increased by 15%, primarily due to thefts from vehicles. There has been a 6% increase in shoplifting, a minor drop (-4%) in burglary, and a 9% increase in other theft types. Burglary and Vehicle offences are generally reported and well recorded by the police, so it is likely that there are genuine changes in these crime types.
Robbery	1.3	0.3	↑ 9%	The 0.3 robberies per 1000 population in Devon and Cornwall is significantly lower than 1.3 nationally.
Criminal damage and arson	10.0	8.5	↑ 4%	There were 8.5 criminal damage and arson offences per 1000 population in Devon and Cornwall compared to 10.0 nationally. The majority of this increase is expected to relate to an improvement in recording of domestic abuse offences.
Public order offences	7.0	4.2	↑ 33%	More ASB incidents are being recorded as crimes nationally due to improvements and changes to recording practices. Many of which will now fall under public order offences.
Anti-social behaviour incidents	-	23.7	↓ -9%	This decrease doesn't necessarily reflect a decrease in the levels of ASB across Devon and Cornwall due to recording practice changes.
Possession of weapons offences	0.7	0.5	↑ 27%	Rates of possession offences can change based on the amount of proactive policing in this area. However some of this increase may relate to an increase possession and use of knives.
Drug offences	2.4	2.2	↑ 13%	This increase is reflective of a proactive effort to crack down on drug trafficking.
Other offences	1.6	1.2	↑ 30%	This category includes offences such as intent to cause criminal damage, dangerous driving, money laundering, and obscene publications.

\*Crime rate per 1000 resident population England and Wales compared to D&C